

Appendices B, C, and D are not posted with these minutes but are available with the Presbytery papers that were posted for the meeting.

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 162nd Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The meeting opened with a call to gather, opening hymn, and prayer. Moderator Hitch Learned called the meeting to order.

In the absence of Rev. Rex Espiritu who was with his wife in the hospital, Rev. Art Whitaker, honorably retired pastor active at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle, welcomed the group.

Elder Gary Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk, confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

The roll of the Presbytery was established by registration as follows – all persons were present except those marked with *; the number in parenthesis () indicates the number of elder commissioners allowed to vote from that congregation; + identifies ministers of another denomination:

ATTENDANCE

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
Anderson, First (4)	Dave Comstock Donna Madewell, CLP	
Avon, Whitelick (2)	Joy Bilger Goehring	Devon Jackson Virginia Sheets
Bluffton, First (3)	Robert E. Madsen	Lin Harrold * Neal Pitts * Ira Zadylak
Boggstown (1)	Sandra Martin, CLP *	William T. Johnson
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	Andrew Zinsmeister	John Hoffman
Clayton (1)	David L. McDonald	Brenda MacPherson *
College Corner, Fellowship, PC (USA)	Vacant	Tonya Paddock
Connersville, First (1)	Martha Williams Jordan	Fred Sess *
Decatur, First (1)	Marcia Cline, CLP	Judy Mettler
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel A. Wann	Keith Pierse *
Elwood, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun	Emily Leavell
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steven J. Ebling	Dave Gay Keith Tash * Carl Kesling James L. Beatty
Fort Wayne, Calvary Third (4)	Lee Dorsey Joseph T. Fields	Lois Johnson Julie Schneider Dennis R. Fischer
Fort Wayne, First (6)	John Stephen Park * Jeanie K. Barnes *	Jean Linville * Vrina Stebbins * Betty-Alice Almeida * Judith Dawes Beth L. White *
Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Barbara A. Kenley	Will Searer Betty Werling * James Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin R. Boyd *	

Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal V. Thomas	Kathy Jarvis
Franklin, First (3)	Peter F. Jessen	Constance Eggers David Rook * Marge Rook
Franklin, Hopewell (3)	David E. Lee	Leona Burton Melinda Frazier * Mark Myers *
Greenfield, First (1)	John J. Paulson, CLP *	Deon Hersberger
Greensburg, First (2)	Vacant	Judy Rust Brian McBlain
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	David Crowley *	Mary Marg Karty *
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	David Crowley *	Scott McCoy *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Alice J. McDowell Sally A. Earl, CLP	Joe Dotzlaf * Marge Slaughter Ed Williams * Andrew Wiesman
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery	Allan Fish * Conrad Gilliland * Jan Mernone *
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith	Tom Brown
Indianapolis, Bilingual/Bicultural	Fernando Rodriguez	
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	John R. Koppitch	Kaye Hirt Eggleston Mark Lawson Ruby Matthews
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Kimberly Olson	Norman Terando Nancy Hartmann
Indianapolis, First-Meridian Heights (4)	Curtis Page * Trish Lisa *	
Indianapolis, Immanuel (1)	Betty Gilbert Griffin	DeWillican Middleton
Indianapolis, Irvington (5)	Robert A. Heimach Galen L. Schwarz	Jenny Giddens
Indianapolis, John Knox (3)	W. Franklin Mansell Lisa K. Crismore, CLP	Mark A. Harper * Vivian Hale * Linda Socarraz
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Hyung (Howard) Kim	Charles Chae *
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri L. Thomas * Ruth C. Moore *	Jean Dodds * Lisa Longo Mark Moore * Anthony Dzwonar
Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Gary Ziegler * Michael Ireland * Kevin J. Long	Dave Brentlinger Robin Pemberton Amy Smith
Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Phil Votaw

Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis F. Galloway W. Glen Bell Joyce E. Hunn * James W. Riley David A. Berry * Karen L. Lang * Richard Baker * Caroline Dennis	Gretchen Brown Linda Rinker Mark A. Huesing Natalie Auberry Charles Liles * John L. Miller Howard Pelham Robert Everitt Nancy Kriplen Ina Van Duyn
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Gregory L. Glover	Joseph Woods
Indianapolis, Southport (6)	Vacant Kevin G. Bausman June G. Barrow Steven R. Matthies	Sara Lee Mark H. Myers Maureen Watson David Steiner David Lantz Steve McGee
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	L. John Gable * Oscar A. Clavel	Phil Freiburger Ann Reynolds Thomas Wirt Don Heitman Gary Nickel *
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Laurie Baker
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker	Betty Dee Faye McDaniel Muriel R. Treadwell *
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Vacant	Richard Wade *
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter S. Zinn	William Sitler
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Mike Waggoner *
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Dwight Sweet *
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn A. Gold *	Karen Rodenburg *
Marion, Westminster (3)	Justin I. Schlesinger-Devlin	Jacqueline S. Hancock * Evelyn Grubb *
McCordsville, Christ (1)	Nancy A. Howard	William A. Wasitis
Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor David B. Jewett * MyungKu Lee * Carrie Jo Miller, CLP	Nancy Barefoot * Michelle Kaitchuck Don Whitaker * Sue Whitaker * Pat Zeabart *
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie C. Wager *	Art Hill *
New Castle, First (4)	M. Rex Espiritu *	Jean Overmyer * Jerry Krupp * Val McNelis * Phyllis Grant
Noblesville, First (3)	Eric R. Gale	Moffett Craig * Fred Nelson Thomas H. Bader

Ossian (2)	Jay E. Cline	David Anderson William Milholland *
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	Gray Marshall *	Brenda Blue *
Portland, First (1)	Wallace F. Wilson	Julia Schwomeyer
Richmond, First (3)	David A. Layman	Jon Richwine Bill Stackhouse Elaine Goodwin
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Vacant	
Rushville, First (1)	Dena E. Vittorio	Andy Taff *
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CLP	June Wayt *
Shelbyville, First (3)	Mark E. Morningstar	Jenna Gunnoe William Mitchell Mike Whitfield
Tipton, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun	Robert Moore *
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric G. Lohe *	Thomas E. Goins *
Winchester, First (1)	Cherie Isakson	Norman Lee
Zionsville (6)	Glenn W. McDonald Scott T. Shelton D. William Azbell * R. Patrick Smith * Donna S. Pollard, CLP * James G. Dougherty, CLP *	

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

Eleanor (Bunny) Alexander *	Carol Johnston *	Tim S. Shapiro *
Sarah Brouwer	George F. LaMaster *	Fabio Socarraz (CLP)
James A. Capps	Deborah S. Mansell *	Anne Solovey *
David A. Chaddock *	Alan J. McCraine	Barry Sumner *
Elizabeth Howell	Leonel Pech	Robert Wauzzinski *
Robert Hunter	Sergei Petrov	Betsy Wood

MINISTERS AT LARGE

Terry Anderson *	Gerard Kuyk *	Katherine Rieder *
Sharon Azbell *	Robert B. McAulay, Jr. *	Laura Sherwood
Merrill Cook *	Peggy McDonald *	Erik L. Spencer
Theodore Dorman *	Alan V. Pareis	Daniel W. Sutherin
F. James Friedewald *		

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Amon *	William H. Hudnut *	Anne L. Rose *
David Bae *	George R. Jackson *	Barbara A. Sloop
William Barrett *	Thelma Sue King *	Quentin N. Small *
J. Donald Boebinger *	Robert D. Leas	Elbert Smith *
Raymond Bowden *	S. Kim Leech *	L. Wayne Smith *
George Boyle *	Loran Lewis *	Richard C. Smith *
Bruce Brown *	A. Howard Lindquist *	James R. Snyder *
John Burhorn *	Sheldon Logan *	Richard Stenner *
Robert Clark *	Donald R. MacPherson *	John G. Stevens *

F. William Clemenson *
 John Constant
 Judith Cook *
 Henry S. Date *
 Roger L. Dean *
 Donald R. Durrett *
 Herbert C. Eggleston
 William G. Enright *
 Carol G. Farr *
 William Fogg *
 Julian R. Gresham *
 William O. Harris *

P. Keith Main *
 Joan Malick *
 Raymond J. Marquette
 Jack R. Masters *
 Robert C. McGinnis *
 Ralph Mitchell
 Elsworth (Bud) Morack *
 Harrison C. Neal *
 David F. Noble *
 Patricia S. Reid *
 W.W. Ridenour

Robert S. Stewart *
 Paul R. Stone *
 Edgar A. Towne *
 R. Glen Traver *
 Byung Sub Van *
 William J. Weber *
 Arthur C. Whitaker
 John R. Wineman *
 James S. Wolfe *

PRESBYTERY STAFF

T. Alan Thames
 Felipe Martinez
 Gary Shaw

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Crane
 Sandra Crawford *
 John Current
 Barbara Edmondson
 Ed Friel *
 Guy Guthrie *

Eric Herzog
 Jim Hill *
 William Howell
 Frank Learned
 Evelyn Miller *
 Toni Morris *

David Probst *
 Sandra Reid
 Ellen Schramm *
 Rich Swartwood
 Judi Trabue

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Dave Crittenden, Co-Executive of Synod of Lincoln Trails, Member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

VISITORS

Martha McDonald
 Mable Chulock
 Jenni Heimach
 Greg Thomas
 Mary Ruth Snyder
 Ileen Mitchell
 Michael Evanchak

Wanda Helm
 Mary Harless
 Victor Doe
 Donna Mae Lawson
 Sheryl Fancher
 Miki Bean
 Carol Wood

Philip Freilie
 Sue McConaha
 Terra Roop
 Jack Ingle
 Amy Smith
 Linda Socarraz
 Jim Van Dуйn

DOCKET

The docket was approved as proposed. The full docket follows:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery

PRESBYTERY DOCKET

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

9:30 AM – Registration 10:00 AM – Call Meeting to Order

First Presbyterian Church, New Castle

 8:30 AM Presbytery Choir Rehearsal Rev. Alice McDowell
 9:30 AM Registration & Refreshments
 9:55 AM Gathering Music

10:00 A CALL TO GATHER FOR GOD'S WORK

MORNING LITANY

Moderator, Elder Hitch Learned

MORNING HYMN

Words of Welcome

Rev. Rex Espiritu

Call to Order, Establishing of Roll and Quorum Moderator, Elder Hitch Learned

Action – Docket Approval

- A Word About Our Meeting - Moderator Hitch Learned
- Introduction Of New Elder Commissioners
- Seating Corresponding Members

A Convening Prayer

INTERIM STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Gary Shaw

1. ACTION — Approve the Consent Agenda Motion
2. ACTION — That two additional members be elected to the Administrative Commission, Bilingual Bicultural NCD:
Rev. Eric Lohe, Westfield-Crossroads
Elder Dan Schroeder, Indianapolis-Tabernacle
3. ACTION — Dismiss the Indianapolis-Wallace St. Administrative Commission
4. ACTION — Dissolve College Corner Fellowship
Presbyterian (PCUSA) Congregation;
congregational meeting November 17, 2009

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

- Announcements/Joys/Baptisms/Concerns of the Presbytery

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Presbytery Office Relocation

10:45 ORDER OF THE DAY Elder Sheryl Carle Fancher, Project Coordinator
Ministerial Excellence Fund of the Synod of Lincoln Trails

11:15 PROCLAIMING THE WORD – WE WORSHIP

A CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

P: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

L: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

P: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

L: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

P: We offer ourselves and the gifts that we have.

L: The story continues! The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad!

HYMN “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition and fear make us willing to hurt others and to scheme against your will. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us and to share the gifts we have from you. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Scripture: Amos 5:21-24

OFFERING	Christmas Joy Offering	
SCRIPTURE	New Testament Scripture: Matthew 2:7-12	
SERMON	“Gifts As Gospel”	Rev. David Comstock
COMMUNION	Rev. Cherie Isakson & Rev. Fernando Rodriguez Elder Hitch Learned; Elder Sandra Reid	
HYMN	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	
PRAYER OF BLESSING		
11:50 CREATIVE ARTS MEDITATIVE WALK		Rev. Martha Williams Jordan
	After a meditative walk through the art exhibits and displays, please gather for lunch by 12:15	
12:15 LUNCH		
12:55 GATHERING MUSIC		
1:00 <u>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND WORK</u>		
	PREPARE THE WAY — A SONG OF GATHERING	PRESBYTERY CHORALE
	HYMN	
1:20 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT		
	• Marcia Cline — Examination for Commissioned Lay Pastor at Decatur-First	
	THANK YOU TO ELDER MARTHA MCDONALD, COM Moderator	
	THANK YOU TO REV. STEVE MATTHIES, CPM Moderator	
	A CHORAL MEDITATION	“In the Bleak Midwinter”
	NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT	
	Election of General Assembly Commissioners by Ballot	
	INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR & VICE MODERATOR	
	• Rev. Robert Heimach	
	• Elder Judi Trabue	
	The Moderator’s term begins immediately after installation.	
	THANK YOU TO MODERATOR ELDER HITCH LEARNED	Rev. Robert Heimach
	COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT	Elder Sandra Reid
	• Personnel Committee — Elect Stated Clerk, Elder Gregory Thomas	
	• Finance & Budget Reports/Updates	Elder Bill Howell, Elder Eric Herzog
	INSTALLATION OF COORDINATING COUNCIL MODERATOR & VICE MODERATOR	
		Elder Sandra Reid
	• Rev. Rachel Wann	
	• Rev. Joseph Fields	
	THANK YOU COORDINATING COUNCIL MODERATOR SANDRA REID	
	WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES	Elder Steve Crane
	PYOCA CAMP and CONFERENCE CENTER	Elder Rich Swartwood

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM

Rev. Felipe Martinez

THANK YOU TO INTERIM STATED CLERK, ELDER GARY SHAW

Rev. Alan Thames

NEW BUSINESS**3:45 FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

- **HYMN OF SENDING**
- **A CHORAL BENEDICTION**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

*-----End of Docket-----***A WORD ABOUT OUR MEETING**

Moderator Hitch Learned reviewed the business of the day.

[See Appendix A for his full letter of welcome and explanation]

New elder commissioners and new pastors in the Presbytery were introduced. Elder Sheryl Fancher from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley and Rev. Dave Crittenden, Co-Executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails and a member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, were seated as corresponding members.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Moderator, Hitch Learned led in the Prayer of the Day.

INTERIM STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Gary Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk, moved that the consent agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and the consent agenda was approved.

The Consent Agenda follows:

ACTION

That if there are no objections, the Presbytery adopt the following reports as published on this Consent Agenda:

1. That the documents sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society, listed on the enclosed report, be recorded in the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley permanent minutes
(See Appendix B for the complete list of documents)
2. Mission Focus Unit Income Statement Third Quarter 2009 **(See Appendix C)**
3. Mission Operations Unit Income Statement Third Quarter 2009 **(See Appendix C)**

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

The Stated Clerk moved that two additional members be elected to the Administrative Commission for the Bilingual New Church Development: Rev. Eric Lohe (CrossRoads Church at Westfield) and Elder Dan Schroeder (Tabernacle Presbyterian Church). The motion was seconded and the two persons were elected.

The Stated Clerk moved to dismiss the Administrative Commission for the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church. The congregation has moved to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a quit claim deed has been signed for the property, and the money has been received. The motion was seconded and passed.

On November 7th at a congregational meeting of the Fellowship Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), the congregation voted to dissolve the church. Fellowship Presbyterian Church PC(USA) had been formed by the remnant of eleven people who remained with PC(USA) when the First United Presbyterian Church of College Corner left the denomination and went to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Elder Gary Shaw, Stated Clerk, moved that the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley dissolve the Fellowship Presbyterian Church PC(USA). The motion received a second. The Stated Clerk commended the loyalty of the remnant as they epitomized dedication to the PC(USA) and Allen and Tonya Paddock as they lived out their ordination vows. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, Moderator of the Administrative Commission for College Corner, recommended that the Administrative Commission also be dissolved. The Clerk allowed the dismissal of the Administrative Commission to be added to the motion as a friendly amendment. The motion passed.

Ordination Anniversaries

December through February [See Appendix D]

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, welcomed announcements, joys and concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Elder Kaye Hirt Eggleston invited everyone to the Messiah presentation at Fairview on December 13th. Rev. Felipe Martinez will be the tenor soloist.
- Elder Kaye Hirt Eggleston has 2010 catalogs available for Montreat Conference Center.
- Rev. Dave Crittenden encouraged people to sign up for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope to be presented in March. Whitewater Valley Presbytery is one of the sponsors.
- Rev. Dave Comstock highlighted the Youth Triennium which will occur in the summer of 2010.

JOYS, BAPTISMS, AND CONCERNS

Several adult baptisms were reported since the last Presbytery meeting: Rushville-First had two in a family with great needs; Muncie-First had three, two of which were with Korean members; Fairview had one.

Joys included introduction of Maggie Platt, new summer camp coordinator at Pyoca; celebration of 185 years for First Presbyterian Church of Franklin; Elder Miki Bean expressed thanks for prayers during illness and surgery.

Concerns: Elder Fred Sess, Commissioner from First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, who is deaf and will have an implant in December; Melissa Espiritu, wife of Rev. Rex Espiritu, in surgery as Presbytery is meeting.

Rev. Thames acknowledged the joys of new pastors, the good leaders in our Presbytery, and that God is still doing wonderful things in Whitewater Valley; however, there is also grief – some pastors and elders have died, some congregations have conflict, and our grief of losing some of our congregations.

Rev. Thames led the Presbytery in prayer

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristy Quinn, Executive Administrator of the Presbytery office, updated the Commissioners on the relocation of the Presbytery office. The actual move will occur on December 7th and computers will be down that full week. A mass email will be sent with new mailing address and phone numbers. The Presbytery and the Synod of Lincoln Trails will share office space in the Interchurch Center at 1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208. The move will encourage partnership ministries with the Synod of Lincoln Trails and presbyteries.

There is special music presented today by a group of volunteer chorale members directed by Rev. Alice McDowell, Interim Pastor at Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood. Thanks to all singing in the Presbytery Chorale today.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Elder Sheryl Carle Fancher, Project Coordinator for the Ministerial Excellence Fund of the Synod of Lincoln Trails, presented information about a grant from the Lilly Endowment to set up the Ministerial Excellence Fund. The mission and purpose of the fund is to provide education, structure and direct financial assistance to increase and strengthen its support for pastors and congregations in the presbyteries of Whitewater Valley and Wabash Valley.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by Rev. Martha Williams Jordan. Rev. Dave Comstock preached on "Gifts as Gospel" using text from Matthew 2:7-12 and communion was administered by Rev. Cherie Isakson, new pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Winchester, and Rev. Fernando Rodriguez, new church development pastor for the Bilingual Bicultural Church. A prayer of blessing for lunch was included. An offering of \$1,273.03 was received for the Christmas Joy offering.

CREATIVE ARTS MEDITATIVE WALK

Following worship commissioners were invited to walk through the art exhibits and displays created by various members of the Presbytery.

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:10 p.m. to the gathering music by the Presbytery Chorale and the afternoon session opened with the singing of a hymn.

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Steve Crane, Executive Director of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, reported on the programs and successes. Over six years churches involved have increased from four to twenty. Eighteen hundred families were served in the last year. A free health clinic and a pre-school were recently started. Time and talents are needed from volunteers. Rev. Robert Heimach, pastor at one of the original four supporting churches, listed some problems in the city as violence, poor health care for children, children have no where to go after school – through Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley is doing something about some of these problems.

PYOCA CAMP, CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Pyoca, reported. They had a good summer. There is additional parking for thirty more cars and the geo-thermal heat is working. Cookies and informational packets are available today with schedules, posters, and CD for each church. E-News will replace printed newsletters. Committee members are needed for the committee who will oversee dam repairs.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Elder Martha McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented Marcia Cline to be examined to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Decatur. After the presentation of her faith statement and examination by the members of the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made and passed. It was M/S/P to sustain the examination of Marcia and approve her as a CLP at Decatur, effective November 2, 2009, with the commission effective for three years. The motion was approved by voice vote. Moderator Hitch Learned asked the constitutional questions. Friends from First Presbyterian Church of Decatur joined Marcia and Rev. Laura Sherwood led the Presbytery in prayer. Ms. Cline's terms of call are as follows:

On November 28, 2009, the COM approved a position description and Ms. Cline's terms of call as a Commissioned Lay Pastor elect effective November 2, 2009, for a period of one year pending a successful examination by the Presbytery:

18 hours per week	
The CLP may perform all the functions allowed a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Book of Order.	
Salary	\$18,000
Retirement 403b	1,800
Medical Expenses, reimbursed	500
Professional Expenses, reimbursed,	6,500
(includes mileage and education)	
Vacation	three weeks
Study Leave	one week

Martha McDonald then presented four motions to be considered by the Presbytery. The first three relates to Southport Presbyterian Church. The motions were considered one at a time:

Motion #1: Based on several months of gathering information from members, officers and staff of Southport Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, the Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley take action to begin the dismissal of the Southport Presbyterian Church to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. At the conclusion of the settlement and dismissal negotiation, a final recommendation for dismissal, and the terms and conditions of dismissal, will be presented to the Presbytery Assembly for approval.

After some discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

Motion #2: Based on a model of mutual participation with Southport Presbyterian Church that has engaged elders of that congregation and representatives of the presbytery, the Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery invite a team to represent the Presbytery which can include, but would not be limited to, the Executive Presbyter, the Stated Clerk, the Presbytery Treasurer, and representatives from the Presbytery Council, the Board of Directors, the Committee on Ministry and the Finance Committee. This team would

be accountable to the Committee on Ministry which would have the authority to act on behalf of the presbytery in matters related to the negotiation of the dismissal process.

After some discussion, Rev. Glen Bell moved the previous question. Motion was seconded and passed.

Vote on the original motion (#2) passed by voice vote.

Motion #3: Also based on this model of mutual participation, the Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery invite representatives of the Southport Presbyterian Church which should include, but would not be limited to, the Clerk of Session, representatives of the Session, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, members of the staff and a representation of those wishing to remain in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Rev. Hal Thomas made a motion to add “to the negotiating team” after *Southport Presbyterian Church*. The amended motion reads:

Also based on this model of mutual participation, the Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery invite representatives of the Southport Presbyterian Church to the negotiating team which should include, but would not be limited to, the Clerk of Session, representatives of the Session, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, members of the staff and a representation of those wishing to remain in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The amended motion passed.

The fourth motion relates to Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Franklin:

The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley form an Administrative Commission invested with full Book of Order powers to work with the congregation of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Indiana, in the matter of its request for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA). We further move that this Administrative Commission be made up of the following individuals:

- Elder Ed Friel (Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis)
- * Rev. Eric Gale (First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville)
- Elder Jen Knebel (Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville)
- Rev. Ralph Mitchell (Honorably Retired)
- Elder Mary Ruth Snyder (Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis)
- Rev. Erik Spencer (Honorably Retired)
- An additional elder to be named at a later time and approved by the Presbytery at its March 2010 meeting.

Rev. June Barrow objected to the lack of advance notice of this action. After some discussion a voice vote was taken, but was too close to determine an outcome. So a vote was taken by the raising of hands and the motion passed with 82 for and 41 against.

Martha McDonald said the Committee on Ministry will take comments under advisement and asked that we keep all members of both congregations and staffs, COM, and Presbytery in our prayers.

Members of the Committee on Ministry were recognized and special thanks was extended to Martha McDonald for her service as Moderator of COM.

-----End of COM Report-----

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

There was no Committee on Preparation for Ministry report or action. Members of the Committee were recognized and special thanks was extended to Rev. Steve Matthies for his service as Moderator.

A CHORAL MEDITATION

The Presbytery Chorale presented a choral meditation with the singing of *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. David Layman, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the nomination for Vice Moderator of Presbytery. After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, Elder Judi Trabue was elected Vice Moderator.

Rev. Layman then presented the slate for each committee. After opportunities for nominations from the floor for all positions, the slate as presented was elected.

The election of the Commissioners for General Assembly was by written ballots. Persons nominated were introduced and ballots were distributed. Tellers were appointed and the results will be announced later in the meeting.

The full Nominating Committee Report follows:

Abbreviations Used in This Report: M: Minister
E: Elder

The Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

1. Nominates for Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley for 2010:

Vice Moderator

(E) Judi Trabue, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

2. Nominates to serve the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Class of 2013

(M) John Gable, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
(M) Mark Morningstar, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville
(M) Gary Ziegler, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
(E) Sally Barnes, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rushville
(E) Julia Schwomeyer, First Presbyterian Church, Portland
(E) Gary Stebbins, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2013

(M) John Koppitch, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Class of 2010 (To Fill Vacancy)

(M) Ray Marquette, Honorably Retired

Class of 2012 (New members)

(M) Ron Naylor, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie
(M) Peter Zinn, Knightstown & Lewisville Churches
(E) Linda Rinker, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
(E) Vrina Stebbins, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Class of 2012 (For re-election)

(M) Betty Griffin, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
(M) Ralph Mitchell, Honorably Retired
(E) Sally Earl, Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood
(E) Bill Werling, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
(E) Mike Whitfield, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Class of 2012 (New members)

(M) George LaMaster, Validated Ministry-Marion University, Indianapolis
(E) Natalie Auberry, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
(E) Lisa Crismore, Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2012 (For re-election)

(M) Dave Comstock, First Presbyterian Church, Anderson

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

Class of 2012 (New Member)

(M) Terry Anderson, Member-at-Large

Class of 2012 (For re-election)

(E) Minnie Chinn, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Miki Bean, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

PYOCA ADVISORY BOARD

Class of 2011 (To fill vacancy)

(M) Lee Dorsey, Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Class of 2012 (New Members)

(M) Peter Jessen, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

(E) Mandy Ernest, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2012 (For re-election)

(E) Lisa Longo, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Presbytery Representative:

Class of 2012

(E) Miki Bean, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

COMMISSIONERS TO THE SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS

(Need to elect one minister)

Class of 2012 (New Member)

(M) Cheryl Montgomery, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(For Biennial General Assemblies the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley is allotted six (6) commissioners – three (3) ministers and three (3) elders – plus one Youth Advisory Delegate.

MINISTER CANDIDATES (Vote for 3):

Class of 2010

(M) Oscar Clavel, Associate Pastor, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Joy Goehring, Pastor, Whitelick Presbyterian Church, Avon

(M) Betty Griffin, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Martha Jordan, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Connersville

(M) Justin Schlesinger-Devlin, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion

(M) Gretchen Schneider, Pastor, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

ELDER CANDIDATES (Vote for 3):

Class of 2010

(E) Charles Hill, Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

(E) Nancy Kriplen, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Tonya Paddock, Fellowship Presbyterian Church, College Corner

(E) Fabio Socarraz, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Jim Story, First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville

(E) Andy Wiesman, Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATE (Vote for 1):

Class of 2010

Abby Hunter, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Alex Miller, Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

-----End of Nominating Committee Report-----

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Elder Sandra Reid, Moderator of Coordinating Council, introduced Council members and thanked all for their service and commitment. She also gave kudos to the Presbytery staff for being there to assist, resource, hold hands, encourage, and help Council.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Rev. Steve Ebling, Moderator of the Personnel Committee, introduced Elder Greg Thomas, the candidate for Stated Clerk. His background and gifts are presented in the nomination below. Greg shared a few words about his sense of call for this position. He attended Stated Clerk training and the polity conference. He was one of four candidates interviewed for the Stated Clerk position. It was moved by the Personnel Committee that Elder Greg Thomas be elected as Stated Clerk for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2010. After some discussion Greg Thomas was elected as Stated Clerk. Rev. L. Bryant Parker led the Presbytery in prayer.

The Personnel Committee's full report follows:

Elder Greg Thomas Nominee for the Stated Clerk Position of Whitewater Valley Presbytery December 2, 2009

The Personnel Committee of WWVP is pleased to nominate Elder Greg Thomas for the position of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. Greg is a long-time member of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church where he has served as Elder, and currently serves as Clerk of Session.

In his life outside the church, Greg is an attorney in private practice. In the past, he has served as the Chief Counsel for the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General and as an Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Department of Insurance.

Greg's background in law and mediation, his leadership at Witherspoon, and his people skills make him an excellent candidate for the position of Stated Clerk in our presbytery.

The Personnel Committee
Steve Ebling, chair
Betty Gilbert Griffin
Lee Lange
Andy Pelham
Jim Riley
Pat Smith

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley Purpose

The Stated Clerk will be one familiar with Presbyterian polity, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as contained in the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*, will serve as clerk to stated Presbytery meetings, and fulfill the responsibilities of Stated Clerk as described in the *Book of Order* and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. The Stated Clerk is elected by the Presbytery to a three year term and may be re-elected by the Presbytery to serve an indefinite number of terms.

Accountability

The Stated Clerk will be accountable to the Presbytery which elects him or her and to the Coordinating Council's Personnel Committee.

Relationships

The Stated Clerk will work in partnership with the Presbytery staff, the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Coordinating Council, the Committee on Ministry, the Board of Directors and other entities of the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA). In these relationships the Stated Clerk will work in a collegial manner while maintaining the degree of independence necessitated by that role. The Stated Clerk will also participate in conferences with other Stated Clerks within the Synod of Lincoln Trails and of several synods when held under the auspices of the Office of the General Assembly.

Basic Assumptions

This position must be filled by an ordained Elder in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) or an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is eligible to become a member of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. The position is part-time (15-20 hours per week) at an hourly rate, mileage reimbursement at current IRS rates, and opportunities for training at General Assembly-approved education events. An hourly rate will be set annually by the Personnel Committee of the Presbytery Council and approved by the Presbytery for inclusion in the annual budget.

PROPOSAL FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Personnel Committee of the Coordinating Council recommends that Elder Greg Thomas, upon his election by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to serve as Stated Clerk, be paid at the rate of \$30 per hour, and that the remaining provisions included in the Basic Assumptions be accepted as well.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder William Howell, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that there were some minor adjustments to the 2010 budget approved by Council, but there was no impact on the bottom line. The finance committee met yesterday and updated the third quarter reports through October with comments through November. The numbers are on track for the year. He requested that mission pledges for 2010 be sent in soon.

Mr. Howell thanked the Finance Committee and the staff, plus Bob Anderson, for all of their contributions over the last four years of his service.

[See Appendix C for the Finance Reports]

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY

Rev. Robert Heimach was installed as the Moderator of Presbytery for 2010 and Elder Judi Trabue was installed as Vice Moderator of Presbytery for 2010.

Special thanks was extended to Elder Hitch Learned for his leadership as Moderator of Presbyter through 2009.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR OF COORDINATING COUNCIL

Rev. Rachel Wann was installed as Moderator of Coordinating Council for 2010 and Rev. Joe Fields was installed as Vice Moderator of Coordinating Council.

Special thanks was extended to Elder Sandra Reid for her leadership as Moderator of Coordinating Council through 2009.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM

Rev. David R. Smith, Moderator of the Hispanic Ministries Lead Team, updated the Presbytery regarding the serious conflict in the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo. A commission came to Indianapolis in October to share views and information with representatives from Zionsville and Second Presbyterian Churches to evaluate the partnership between the presbyteries. The Commission agreed to provide more information. They ask for continued prayers for the churches, the plants, and the presbytery in Northern Quintana Roo.

Rev. Leonel Pech reported on PLAN, the Presbyterian Latino Alliance in the Northeast, in Fort Wayne. The program is housed in Calvary Third Presbyterian Church and includes bilingual programs, English as a Second Language with 70 students every week, using 16-20 volunteers every month. The program has great success in ministry to the Hispanic community in Fort Wayne.

-----End of Coordinating Council Report-----

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Minister Commissioners Elected:**

Oscar Clavel, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Joy Goehring, Whitelick Presbyterian Church, Avon

Betty Griffin, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Alternate: Gretchen Schneider, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Elder Commissioners Elected:

Nancy Kriplen, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Tonya Paddock, Fellowship Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), College Corner (Liberty-First)

Fabio Socarraz, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Alternate: Jim Story, First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville

Youth Advisory Delegate

Abby Hunter, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

THANK YOU TO INTERIM STATED CLERK, ELDER GARY SHAW

Executive Presbyter, Rev. Alan Thames, extended special thanks to Elder Gary Shaw for his service as Interim Stated Clerk for the past year. Alan acknowledged Gary's huge sense of grace and sense of humor. Thanks for a job well done!

Gary responded with thanks to persons who provided support to him throughout the year:

Rev. Kim Leech, Rev. Ralph Mitchell, and to everyone for their contributions.

OTHER THANKS

Moderator, Rev. Robert Heimach, expressed thanks to Donna Lawson from Fairview Presbyterian Church who volunteered to accompany the Presbytery Chorale today and the singing of the hymns. We appreciate having piano music throughout the meeting.

He also thanked Rev. Martha Williams Jordan for organizing the meetings and worship over the past year. Well done, good and faithful servant.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The 162nd stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of *Peace Like a River*, prayer, and choral benediction. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Saturday, March 6, 2010, at CrossRoads Church at Westfield, Westfield, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk

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LETTER FROM MODERATOR HITCH LEARNED
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November 20, 2009

Dear Fellow Presbyterians,

I'm looking forward to our December 2nd meeting and our Advent and Christmas celebration at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle.

Our meeting will give us the opportunity to worship together, hear Rev. David Comstock preach on *Gifts as Gospel*, celebrate communion and take a Christmas Joy Offering. We'll also have a special Presbytery Chorale and a creative arts meditative walk.

Business at the meeting will include a nominating committee report and the installation of new moderator Rev. Robert Heimach and others. We'll also take action on administrative commissions for Indianapolis Wallace Street PC, College Corner PC and the Bilingual/ Bicultural new church development, and on recommendations from the Committee on Ministry concerning member congregations. In addition, we'll have reports from Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, Camp Pyoca, Coordinating Council and Hispanic Ministries.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your moderator this year. I certainly look forward to sharing with you a love of serving Jesus Christ and our Church, both during our upcoming meeting and in the future.

Sincerely,

Frank "Hitch" Learned
Moderator, Whitewater Valley Presbytery

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